

180 1645 8

Attorney Docket No. 3873 P 011(4110 P 004)

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
Kiamars Hajizadeh ) Examiner: Rodney P. Swartz  
)  
Application No. 09/990,773 )  
Confirmation No. 1833 ) Art Unit: 1645  
Filed November 14, 2001 )  
)  
For: Prion-Detection Business Methods )

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 AND 1.98**

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313-1450

DEAR SIR:

Applicant submits herewith Form PTO-1449, "Information Disclosure Citation," and a copy of each reference listed therein.

The above-mentioned references were cited in a PCT application to a sister application. A copy of the International Search Report is also enclosed. Please note any writings or notes on the references were made by the PCT International Search Authority, not Applicants.

Since this Statement is being filed after a first Official Action on the merits, but before a Final Official Action or a Notice of Allowance, our Check in the amount of \$180 per 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed.

As to the German Reference, DE 197 30 132 A1, we attach Delphion printouts of the Reference's Biographical Data and Abstract, in English.

Applicant is submitting this art because he recognizes his duty to disclose pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56. However, submission of this art and Statement is not an admission any item identified contains matter anticipating the invention or rendering the invention obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art. Further, Applicant believes none of the art submitted herewith, alone or in proper combination, discloses, teaches or suggests the invention claimed by Applicant.

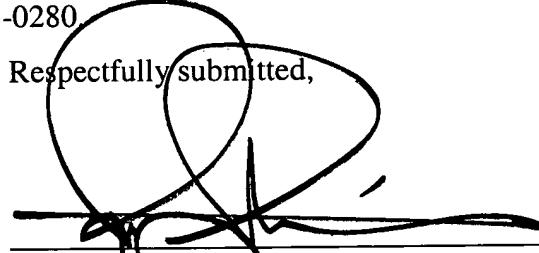
The citation of a reference is also without admission the reference is sufficient to teach one of ordinary skill in the art how to make or use the subject matter thereof or the reference is, or is considered to be, material to the patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

Moreover, submission of these patents is without admission any of the patents constitutes statutory prior art or has an effective date prior to Applicant's effective date of invention.

Applicant specifically reserves all rights of privilege and confidence with respect to this matter. A submission of this document is not to be construed as a waiver of those rights. In addition, the filing of this Statement is not to be construed as a representation a search had been made by Applicant or counsel.

Please charge any additional fees associated with this Communication or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 23-0280

Respectfully submitted,



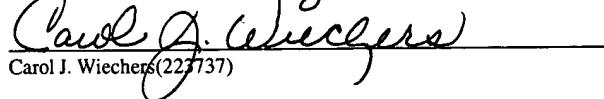
Roger H. Stein, Reg. No. 31,882  
WALLENSTEIN & WAGNER, LTD.  
311 South Wacker Drive, 53rd Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60606-6630  
312.554.3300  
Attorneys for Applicants

Date: April 29, 2005

---

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. § 1.8a)**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on April 29, 2005.

  
Carol J. Wiechers (223737)



**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**  
PTO-1449

W&W File No.: 3873 P 011 (4110 P 004)  
Application No.: 09/990,773  
Applicant: Kiamars Hajizadeh  
Filing Date: November 14, 2001  
Art Unit: 1645

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial	U.S. Patent Document No.	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Date of Publication

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant	Date of Publication	T
	Office	Number	Kind			
	DE	197 30 132 A1			11.02.1999	
	EP	0861 900 A1		Korth	02.09.1998	

**OTHER PRIOR ART OR NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial	(including Author (in capital letters), Title of the article, Title of the item, Date, Pages, Volume-Issue number, Publisher, City and/or Country where published.)	T
	International Search Report for EP 02793927.1 filed 14 June 2004, mailed 26 January 2005.	

Date

EXAMINER:

CONSIDERED:

Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.